

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10743–S10791

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1931–1940, and S. Res. 323–325. **Pages S10776–77**

Measures Passed:

National Hemangioma Treatment Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, designating November 1, 2009, as “National Hemangioma Treatment Awareness Day”. **Page S10791**

National Hispanic Media Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 325, designating October 25 through October 31, 2009, as “National Hispanic Media Week” in honor of the Latino Media of America. **Page S10791**

Measures Considered:

Unemployment Compensation Extension Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation. **Pages S10769–72**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 329), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S10771**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, and that time during any period of morning business, recess, or adjournment count post-cloture. **Page S10791**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, as amended by Public Law 110–315, appointed the following individuals to the Advisory Committee on Student

Financial Assistance: David Gruen of Wyoming, and William Luckey of Kentucky. **Page S10791**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency relative to the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan as declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–37) **Page S10775**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 328), Irene Cornelia Berger, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. **Pages S10750–56, S10756–58, S10791**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—329) **Pages S10758, S10771**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S10791.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DAIRY PRICES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Domestic and Foreign Marketing, Inspection, and Plant and Animal Health, with the Subcommittee on Production, Income Protection and Price Support, concluded a joint hearing to examine low dairy prices, focusing on exploring avenues for federal action, after receiving testimony from Russell C. Redding, Pennsylvania Acting Secretary of Agriculture, Harrisburg; Eric Ooms, New York Farm Bureau, Old Chatham; Paul Toft, Associated Milk Producers Inc., Rice Lake, Wisconsin; Ray Souza, Western United Dairyman, Turlock, California; Doug Nuttelman, Nuttelman Dairy, Stromsburg, Nebraska; Edward W. Gallagher, Dairylea Cooperative Inc., Syracuse, New York; Paul Kruse, Blue Bell Creameries, L.P., Brenham, Texas, on behalf of the International Dairy Foods Association; and Lucas S. Sjostrom, Holstein Association USA, Brattleboro, Vermont.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Gladys Commons, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy, both of the Department of Defense, and 891 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the broadband stimulus programs in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, focusing on the steps taken to address challenges, and the remaining risks in evaluating applications and awarding funds and overseeing funded projects, after receiving testimony from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications

and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Jonathan Adelstein, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Anne S. Ferro, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Cynthia L. Quarterman, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Transportation Security Administration, Patrick Gallagher, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, Elizabeth M. Robinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and a promotion list in the Coast Guard.

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS AND AMERICAN POWER ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held a hearing to examine S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.